GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COUNTER TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a high level inter-Ministerial Group on counter- terrorism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the main objectives thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)&(b) The Government have set up an Inter-Agency Group on Counter-Terrorism comprisingrepresentatives of the Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs, Defence, Finance, NSCS and concerned government agencies with the following objectives:
(i) articulating a clear and specific Indian stance on global terrorism;

(ii) communicating accurate, substantial and credible information/intelligence to friendly governments;

(iii) advising Government on information/queries/responses arising out of inputs from foreign governments;

(iv) advising Government on both domestic and foreign media responses to terrorist activities; and

(v) advising Government on requirement for both direct and indirect interactions with foreign interest groups on terrorism related issues.